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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The president's column for this newsletter issue will be my conference report on the Plymouth meeting. My report is abbreviated, focussing primarily on that session of the conference which dealt with the future possibility for a European marine science information network and the relationship of such a network to IAMSlic.

The only other items besides my conference report that I would suggest are:

1) Announcement of the Annual Conference to be held in Bermuda 2-6 October 1989.

(2) All motions for the Annual Business Meetings held in conjunction with the Annual Conference should be submitted to the Association Parliamentarian prior to the meeting.

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THE FIRST MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN MARINE AND FRESHWATER SCIENCES
LIBRARIANS, INFORMATION SCIENTISTS AND DOCUMENTALISTS

PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND, 20-21 APRIL 1988

The first meeting of the European Marine and Freshwater Sciences Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists was convened by Allen Varley and David Moulder of the Library of the Marine Biological Association, United Kingdom in Plymouth, England on 20-21 April 1988. I attended as the President of IAMSLIC and Cecile Thiery as a member of the European marine science community and as the President-elect of IAMSLIC. There were 35 attendees representing eight European countries and North America: United Kingdom (22); France (4); Monaco (2); Portugal (2); one each from Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Ireland and the United States.

After a welcome address from the Bursar of the MBA, the first day started with a morning session of round-the-room presentations of brief descriptions of the situation and current developments in each institution and country represented by each participant. The afternoon session entitled Computers in Our Libraries included speakers providing an overview and specific applications of machines and software to the development of library catalogs and in-house databases. This session also included information on compact disc systems and the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) and concluded with a general discussion on computers in libraries.

The morning session on the second day of the conference was entitled National, Regional and International Networks and started with Allen Varley, MBA, UK introducing the session and presenting an overview of ASFIS, FAO and IOC/UNESCO initiatives. This was followed by presentations on the status of marine science information networks in the UK, Scandinavia, Portugal and France. During this session Cecile and I made our presentation on IAMSLIC; I spoke briefly on the history and aims of the association and Cecile described the activities of the Committee on International Cooperation and plans for the IAMSLIC 1988 Conference in Miami. The morning session ended after a brief question and answer period.

In the afternoon, the last session of the conference was comprised of a panel discussion on the types, production, sale and distribution of library publications; a panel discussion on user's needs and how to identify them (on which I served); and four parallel sessions with the participants splitting into four groups; spending 30 minutes on each of the following: an ASFA CD-Rom demonstration, an MBA microcomputer demonstration, a tour of the MBA Library and Aquarium, and a task team discussion of the proposed European network. Allen Varley led the discussion within each of the task teams and presented a summary of the reports of the teams at the conclusion of the conference. Cecile and I were in different task teams and participated in the group discussions within our respective task teams.

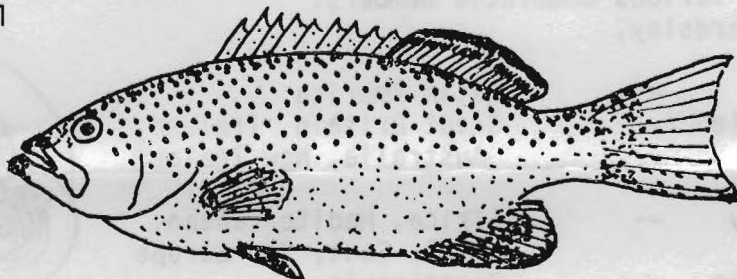
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Allen's summary indicated that a majority felt that something should be done to strengthen existing European marine science information networks, primarily by compiling complete directory information on European marine and freshwater libraries, establishing a European-based newsletter and convening regular national and European meetings. Although none of the participants proposed doing anything which would conflict with IAMS LIC, the majority did not wish to go immediately into IAMS LIC. I interpreted this to mean that at this time they did not wish for a European network to be a regional subset of IAMS LIC. On a personal basis, a number of the participants did express interest in individual memberships and indicated possibility of attending our conferences and presenting papers.

I found the program interesting and well-presented and the discussions (both formal and informal) stimulating and quite productive. The weather was pleasant, the accommodations very comfortable and the hosts Allen Varley, David Moulder and the entire MBA Library were most generous and hospitable. I congratulate them for organizing a very successful meeting.

Bye, Bye- Bill



IAMS LIC "WEST COAST" MEETING

On Friday March 11 & Saturday March 12, a meeting of marine science librarians was held at the Moss Landing Marine Labs and at the Hopkins Marine Station, Pacific Grove, California. Sheila and Alan Baldrige were hosts of the meeting which was attended by 15 people representing most of the marine science libraries in California with one participant attending from as far north as Oregon!

The agenda for the meeting was open and included: reports from individual libraries; a discussion of data base projects (with particular attention paid to interfaces & flow of data); discussion of electronic mail applications; simplified protocols for interlibrary loan and reference services; document delivery; support to "secondary" users (such as high school teachers and students).

As a result of the discussions, it was agreed that Peter Brueggeman and Tom Moritz would develop a survey to assess needs and interests of meeting participants in further pursuing cooperative efforts.

On Saturday morning, March 12 Merrill Manke of the Monterey Bay Aquarium organized a behind-the-scenes tour of the Aquarium.

T. Moritz (CAS Library)●

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION / PROGRESS REPORT

In accordance with the Committee report approved by membership at the Halifax conference, the CIC has undertaken several initiatives.

An OMNET/Sciencenet mailing list has been established for the Committee.
Address: IAMS LIC.CIC.

(1) Recruitment

(a) A French language translation of the IAMS LIC brochure was produced and a Spanish language version is in final draft form. (This work has been carried out with the assistance of Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans with the cooperation of Ciuineas Boyle, Pedro Galvan and Cecile Thiery.) The provision of multi-lingual online access to the brochure (and to organizational information) via the Sciencenet system has been discussed with OMNET.

(b) Responsibility for special, geographically defined, recruitment efforts have been given to various Committee members:

Mary Jane Beardsley,		
Pedro Galvan		
Kay Hale,	--	Latin America
Ciuineas Boyle	--	Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand
Athena Davaki		
Cecile Thiery	--	Africa, Mediterranean, Middle East, So. Europe
Erik Einarsson	--	Scandinavia
Michael Gomez	--	No. Europe
Tom Moritz	--	Asia & Pacific
Carol Winn	--	USSR & East. Europe



(All IAMS LIC members are encouraged to enlist new members. It has been suggested that libraries in developed settings seek to form working partnerships with libraries in less developed contexts; such partnerships might include offering to supply memberships or other tangible forms of ongoing support.)

2) Cooperation with other international organizations: There has been a continuing dialog between IAMS LIC and representatives of various international and regional organizations. These have included: the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), Food & Agricultural Organization (FAO), International Center for Ocean Development (ICOD), International Development Research Center (IDRC) and the United Kingdom Marine & Freshwater Sciences Librarians' Group.

(3) ASFISIS review: In November of 1987, the CIC extended an offer to FAO to establish a Working Group to assist in the evaluation of the ASFISIS software. A group was composed of Peter Brueggeman, Michael Gomez, Gordon Miller, Tom Moritz and Joe Wible and (after some delay in receipt of samples of the software) the group has just begun it's review. (it should be noted that this represents an excellent example of the sort of contribution IAMS LIC as an international association can make to the development of the international marine science information community. ♦ ♦ ♦)

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(4) Pre-Conference Workshop:

CIC will contribute to the design of the pre-Conference "hands-on" workshop on the comparison and evaluation of software for bibliographic applications. The workshop will take advantage of the University of Miami's Computer workshop and the CDS-ISIS/ASFISIS package will be among the software packages examined.

5) Database of expertise in marine science information: Preliminary discussions have been carried out concerning the design and development of a database of expertise in marine science information. Some preliminary discussions have been held with OMNET concerning providing access to the database through the Scienenet electronic mail system.

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Some points for consideration:

IAMS LIC is (and has, since its inception, been) an international association. (Betty Sutherland has recently reported members from 30 different countries.) This fact does not preclude the formation of groups WITHIN IAMS LIC defined by geography (or other common interests). For example there have recently been regional meetings both in California and in England which seem quite compatible with IAMS LIC.

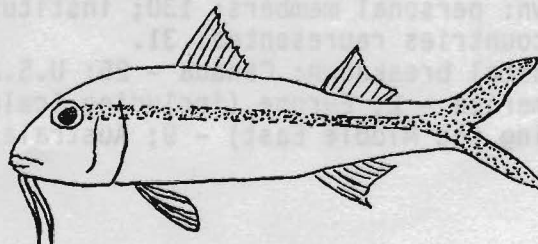
In informal conversations at Halifax, some Conference participants stressed the potential risk of IAMS LIC becoming established as a complexly-structured, bureaucratically-impacted, and extravagantly costly international organization. Which is to say that we might become effectively and practically dysfunctional. (There are several notorious case histories on the international scene which illustrate this point...)

I'd like to suggest that IAMS LIC by tradition functions with a relatively low administrative overhead and that, moreover, to say that we have been an organization of "hands-on" practicing librarians. Those strengths should be sustained.

I believe that among our appropriate functions in the international setting is the provision of a working context (newsletter, conferences, e-mail, formal/informal networking) for direct, reciprocal links between librarians with available expertise and resources and those libraries and librarians who can best benefit from sharing such services.

It also seems to me essential that we accept responsibility for the consistent application of highest possible contemporary professional standards. In these ways, IAMS LIC can preserve its traditional organizational integrity while exerting a positive & constructive influence upon the development of the international marine science information community.

Tom Moritz -- Chair/CIC
(California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco)
May 15, 1988



AFS FISH SLIDE CATALOG AVAILABLE

A "Fish Slide Catalog" for purchasing from a collection of 453 slides of North American fresh and salt-water fishes can be obtained from the American Fisheries Society, 5410 Grosvenor Land, Suite 110; Bethesda, Maryland 20814-2199, telephone (301) 897-8616. The slides are in color and each slide may be purchased for \$1.50. Questions about the collection can be directed to Don Flescher, Chairman of the AFS Fish Photo Committee at the Northeast Fisheries Center, Woods Hole, Massachusetts (617) 548-5123.

The slides can be used for educational purposes from grade school to university. It is hoped that the slide collection will be expanded to 2,200 to cover all species of fishes in North America. The catalog is arranged by the taxonomic categories in the book by Robins, et.al., 1980, A LIST OF COMMON AND SCIENTIFIC NAMES OF FISHES FROM THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. (AFS Special Publication no. 12) ★

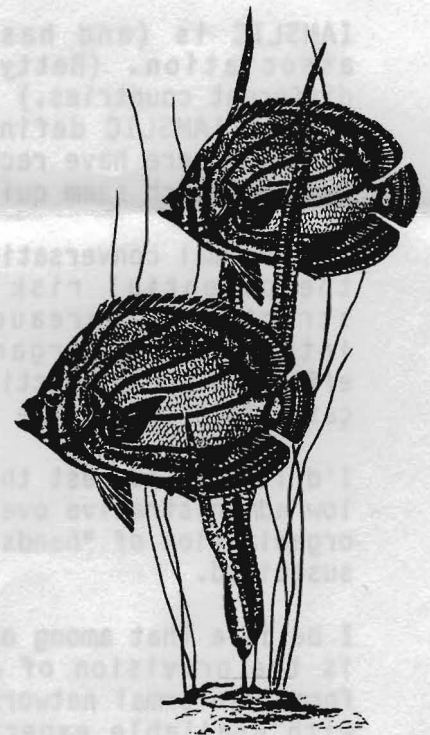
NOTE FROM VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE

Friends and Colleagues:

In June I am moving with my husband to Cambridge where he will work and I will look for work. I hope that any of you traveling in England in the next few years will get in touch and perhaps visit. For now my new address is:

Janice Meadows
c/o Bullard Laboratories
Dept of Earth Sciences
Madingly Rd
Cambridge CB3 0EZ
England

Here at VIMS my place will be taken by a longtime IAMS LIC member, Marilyn Lewis, former director of the Marine Resources Library in Charleston, South Carolina. ★

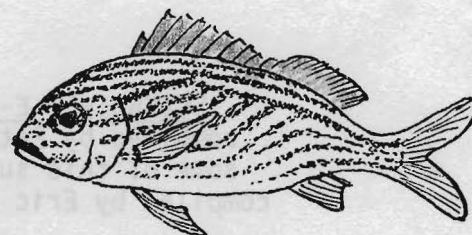
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Total no. of members: 195.

Breakdown: personal members: 130; institutional members: 65.

No. of countries represented: 31.

Geographical breakdown: Canada - 25; U.S.A. - 127; other North America - 4; South America - 2; Europe (including Iceland) - 18; Africa - 2; Asia (including the Middle East) - 9; Australasia - 8. ★

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The 14th annual IAMS LIC conference is scheduled for 3-7 October 1988 at the Sheraton Royal Biscayne Hotel on Key Biscayne in Miami. General conference registration will begin at Key Biscayne on Monday evening, 3 October, followed by a reception and dinner (outdoors, hopefully, weather permitting). Conference sessions and committee meetings will take place at the hotel Tuesday through Friday. The field trip, on Thursday afternoon, will include a visit to John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park where we will view the coral reef from a glass-bottom boat. A reception and dinner will follow on the campus of the Rosenstiel School.

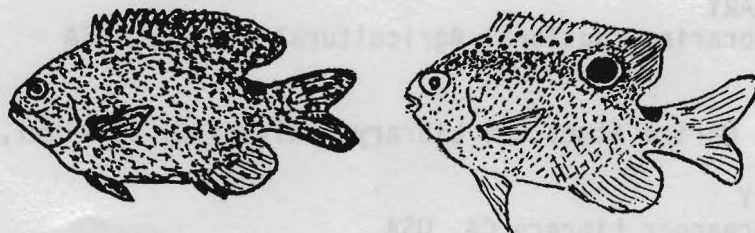
A pre-conference microcomputer workshop will take place all day Monday at the University of Miami Microcomputer Institute in downtown Miami. The workshop will cover analysis and testing of various bibliographic software packages for libraries, including Micro CDS/ISIS for ASFIS/ASFA.

Registration fees will be \$180.00 U.S. (includes the \$20 conference proceedings, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners and the field trip). Hotel rooms are \$65.00 US per night (plus 10% tax) for either a single or a double. Fees for the microcomputer workshop will be determined in the near future.

A preliminary brochure with more details will be mailed out at the end of May. For more information contact: Kay K. Hale, RSMAS Library, 4600 Rickenbacker Cswy., Miami, Florida 33149 (Telephone 305-361-4021)

THE CALL FOR PAPERS DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PRESENTING A PAPER, SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST TO CECILE THIERY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

If you responded to the call for papers by sending an electronic mail message to Cecile, please duplicate the information by mail immediately. The IAEA mailbox is still out of operation and Cecile is concerned that she may have missed some messages during this period.



MIAMI, FLORIDA, U.S.A.

SCIENCENET E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR LIBRARIES 17 May 1988
compiled by Peter Brueggeman from new ScienceNet directory;
some of this supplements IAMS LIC MEMBERS' E-MAIL DIRECTORY
compiled by Eric Marshall and handed out at IAMS LIC 87 meeting

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Cecile Thiery can no longer be reached via Sciencenet. Do not attempt to send her messages via IAEA.MONACO. She can be reached by telex (469037 - country code 842); her phone numbers are as follows: 33-93-301514 at work or 33-93-781721 at home.]

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NOAA Library & Info Services Div, Rockville MD, USA

CAS.LIBRARY

California Academy of Sciences Library, CA, USA

HBOI.LIBRARY

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ICLARM Library - International Center for Living Aquatic
Resources Management, Manila PH

IMA.TRINIDAD.LIBRARY

Inst Marine Affairs Library, Carenage, Trinidad & Tobago

IOS.LIBRARY

Institute of Ocean Science Library, England

J.JUSTUS

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MBA.LIBRARY

Plymouth Marine Laboratory Library, England

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Aquaculture Librarian, National Agricultural Library, USA

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Woods Hole Oceanogr Inst Library MA, USA

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominating/Elections Committee requests nominations for the following positions:

Vice-President/President-Elect

(In agreeing to stand for this position, members are making what is in effect a 3-year commitment. The incoming Vice-President / President-Elect will be responsible for the technical program of the 1989 annual conference to be held at Bermuda Biological Station. She/He will become President of IAMS LIC for 1989-1990 and will be Past-President and thus convenor of the Bylaws Committee for 1990-1991.

Treasurer - 2 year term

Please send nominations, postmarked no later than 30 June 1988 to:

J. Elizabeth Sutherland, Convenor, IAMS LIC
Nominating/Elections Committee, 6370 Berlin Street,
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3L 1T5.

Nominations may also be sent via electronic mail on the Omnet/ScienceNet

or Envoy networks, using the following addresses:

ScienceNet: BEDFORD.INST. (Please mark messages "Attn.
J.E. Sutherland, Library".

Envoy: DFO.LIB.BIO

Points of information:

1. Every person nominated shall be a personal member in good standing of the Association.
2. Members of the Nominating/Elections Committee are not eligible for nomination. (Other 1988/89 Committee members are Ruth Grundy and Peter Brueggeman.)
3. Before submitting a nomination, members are requested to obtain the consent of the person being nominated.



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March 4, 1988

Sally Cauchon, Librarian
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
1825 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20235

Dear Ms. Cauchon:

I was recently hired as the librarian for this CRM office. Our library, which is uncataloged, contains materials relating to coastal management and planning issues, environmental education, and marine science topics. Presently, I am trying to expand, update, and catalog our collection and my bibliographic resources are very limited.

Do you have a list of the subject headings and the "see" and "see also" references used by your library. I am trying to establish a list of subject headings that I will use when I attempt to catalog this collection.

Also, we have the March 1983 edition of "Coastal Zone Management: An Annotated Bibliography" (see attached title page). Has this been updated? If so, how can we obtain a copy.

We are also interested in any bibliographies and accession or publication lists you have available, free of charge.

We would appreciate your sending materials via first class air mail. Otherwise, they will come surface mail - by boat - and can take months to arrive. Note that the Mariana Islands are a U.S. territory. Our zip code is assigned by the U.S. Post Office and U.S. postal zone 8 rates apply.

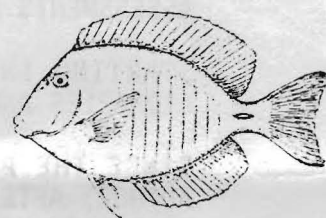
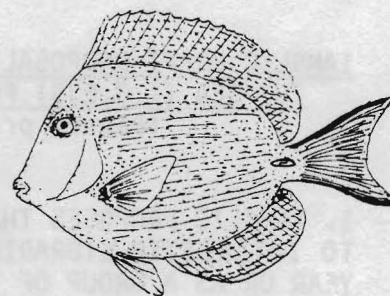
Any help you can give us would be most appreciated.

Thank you.

ARLENE COHEN
Librarian
Coastal Resources Management Office

NEWS FROM SCRIPPS

The author index to the 1986 Scripps Institution of Oceanography Contributions is now available in electronic form. The author index lists each author individually and lists their citations; this index will thus have multiple entries for single citations with multiple authors. A first-named author list is also available wherein the citations are listed only once. Both lists (author and first-named author) are available as Wordperfect 4.2 or ASCII files. Special characters such as diacritical marks and Greek letters may not be available since they were encoded with Wordperfect macros. These lists are available for free (delivered on IBM-formatted 5 1/4 floppy disk) or uploaded on Telemail/Omnet ScienceNet. Contact Peter Brueggeman, Scripps Inst Oceanography Library, UCSD C075C, La Jolla CA 92093-0175, USA or at Telemail/Omnet ScienceNet SCRIPPS.LIBRARY.★

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**AUGUST 26**NEW PUBLICATION

Atlantic Fisheries and Social Science: a Guide to Sources by Cynthia Lamson and Judy Reade, has recently been published as no. 1549 in the series, Canadian Technical Reports of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. This report is an updating and reworking of the paper given by Cindy and Judy at the 1985 IAMS LIC conference, during the session on Marine Anthropology.

The report begins with a selection of readings which provide background information on the Atlantic fisheries, and goes on to suggest sources for ethnographic studies of the fishery (fishing communities and resource exploitation); relations between producers and processors and response to technological and policy changes. Final sections of the paper deal with regional information sources for each of the four Atlantic Provinces. The bibliography to the paper contains 160 items, dating from the 1930's to the present. The overall intention of the paper is to serve as an introduction and basic guide to the bibliographic sources necessary for the social/anthropological study of the fishing industry in the Atlantic Provinces of Canada.

Anyone wishing a copy of this report, or anyone who has a copy of the original paper (entitled "Fishing for Facts in Atlantic Canada") and who would now like a copy of the updated version, can write to Judy Reade, School for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University, 1312 Robie Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CANADA B3H 3E2.★

IAMS LIC DRAFT PROPOSAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF
THE SEA (I.C.E.S.) FOR MICROFILMING AND SUBJECT INDEXING OF C.M. PAPERS
(Papers presented at the annual statutory meetings)

1. IAMS LIC PROPOSES THAT I.C.E.S. MICROFILM DOCUMENTS ANNUALLY AND SELL THEM TO INTERESTED LIBRARIES. THE DOCUMENTS COULD BE SOLD AS SETS COMPRISING ONE YEAR OR AS A GROUP OF YEARS.
2. A PUBLISHED SUBJECT AND AUTHOR INDEX BASED ON ASFA THESAURUS BE MADE AND UPDATED ANNUALLY WHEN NEW DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED. THE INDEX COULD BE AVAILABLE ON DISKETTE AS WELL AS HARD COPY.

THE C.M. (COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM) DOCUMENTS ARE A GOOD SOURCE OF PRELIMINARY STUDIES IN SEVERAL AREAS OF MARINE SCIENCE - HYDROGRAPHY, BIOLOGICAL OCEANOGRAPHY, MARICULTURE, GEAR AND BEHAVIOR, DEMERSAL FISH, PELAGIC FISH, MARINE MAMMALS, ANADROMOUS AND CATADROMOUS FISHES, POLLUTION, STOCK ASSESSMENTS AND STATISTICS.

STARTING IN 1986, I.C.E.S. STOPPED DISTRIBUTING WHOLE SETS OF DOCUMENTS TO LIBRARIES AND PUBLISHED A BOOK OF ABSTRACTS OF THE PAPERS INSTEAD.

SINCE THE PAPERS WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN (THE ONLY SOURCE BEING THE AUTHOR) AFTER 1986, IAMS LIC SUGGESTS THAT THE DOCUMENTS BE MICROFILMED AND SOLD EACH YEAR.

COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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